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QUARTZ GLASS POWDER USING THE POROUS SILICA
GRANULE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), applicant wishes to
call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed
below:

U.S. Patent No. 5,979,186 and Abstracts of JP-A-Hei7-17706
and JP-A-Hei11-130417.

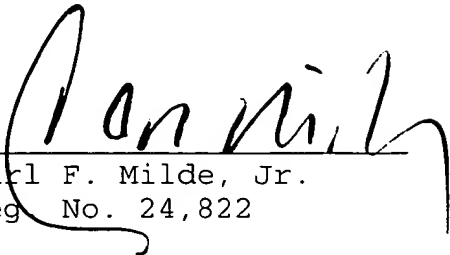
Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with
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These references have been cited and described in the
"Background of the Invention" portion of the application.

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Consideration of the foregoing is respectfully requested
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